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NORMAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS.

Was Governor Hastings Right in Putting Them Down.

THE WORK OF THE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

As Compared With the Results Secured by State College--The Governor's Position Erroneous and a Blow at the Foundation of Pennsylvania's Public School System.

An appropriation of \$1,300,000 a year for the next two years to aid students in the Normal Schools was passed by the legislature at its late session, and Governor Hastings approved the bill. The money is to be paid at the rate of fifty cents a week to each normal student in the schools, and \$50 on graduation to each student who signs an agreement to teach two years in the state. Already \$60,000 of this sum appropriated has been paid over to the graduates of 1897.

The legislature also appropriated \$1,300,000 a year for the next two years directly to the Normal Schools, \$10,000 a year to each as an improvement fund, for buildings, library, apparatus, or whatever the schools most needed. This appropriation bill the Governor refused to sign until the trustees of the Normal Schools entered into an agreement to accept \$7,500 a year each instead of the \$10,000 voted by the legislature. And the schools have to wait for the money on the pleasure of the state treasurer.

The legislature voted \$87,832.50 to the state college, an institution located but a few miles from the governor's home. How different was his action on this appropriation! He signed the bill at once without discount, and the money is ready for the college.

The INDEPENDENT has no word to say against giving public funds to aid education in the higher institutions of learning. It believes that it should be done. It says nothing against giving the state college the \$87,832.50 voted by the legislature, but it hereby contrasts the action of Governor Hastings towards the state college with his action towards the state Normal Schools, and it compares the sums of public money received by the college with the amounts received by the Normal Schools.

The State College and the First Normal School were organized the same year--1859. The State College was built at public expense; the Normal School was started by private subscriptions. The State College has received public funds from both the state and the United States treasury. The state has given it over a million and a quarter of dollars. And the United States gives it nearly \$40,000 per year besides the proceeds of 780,000 acres of public lands.

Altogether the state college has received \$2,350,000 public money, has invested \$810,000 in its plant and has spent the balance, \$1,540,000, in current expenses. In the twenty-eight years of its history it has used up \$1,540,000 public money, or \$55,000 per year. It has graduated 340 students, 12 per year, and each graduate has cost the public \$4,500. The last college catalogue names forty-four professors and teachers as employed to instruct 224 students of whom four are graduates, thirty-five seniors, forty-one juniors, forty-eight sophomores and ninety-six freshmen. Besides these there were twenty-nine unclassified and thirty-eight sub-freshmen and four instructors to teach them.

The first Normal School in the state has had \$250,000 from the state treasury. It invested every dollar of this in its plant, and also invested \$250,000 of other moneys received from private individuals or earned by its management. Not one dollar of running expenses has it ever paid from public funds. For the quarter million dollars of appropriation, the state now has the use of a half million dollars invested in the Normal School plant.

This school in twenty-eight years has graduated 1,500 students, and these graduates have really not cost the state a dollar.

The state college graduates, though costing the public \$4,500 each, enter into no agreement to remain in the state or to engage in public employment. Over one hundred of them are employed outside of Pennsylvania, working for large corporations, and they receive large pay as chemists and engineers. Having had \$4,500 public moneys spent on each, they ought to be able to draw large salaries.

The Normal School graduates work

for the public good in the public schools of Pennsylvania, and a large proportion of them work for small pay. The average pay of Pennsylvania teachers, outside of the cities, is less than \$300 per year, a shame to the state.

Such is the history of each of these institutions. Twelve other Normal Schools have been organized since 1859. They have followed the example and methods of the first school. All were built by private funds. All have received state appropriations and have invested the money thus received in grounds, buildings and equipments. The aggregate value of the property of all the Normal Schools exceeds \$3,500,000, of which the state has furnished \$2,000,000, and the schools have provided the rest. They have sent out 15,000 graduates. They have 286 professors and nearly 10,000 students, last year there were 9,263. Their libraries, apparatus and equipment are worth a half million. These schools have done and are doing a great work for the cause of education in the state. Over \$20,000,000 is annually spent on schools and colleges in Pennsylvania, and the Normal Schools are doing much to make this money more useful than it otherwise would be.

Governor Hastings was prompt to give \$89,000 to the institution which spends \$4,500 on each graduate, and was slow, very slow, to let the Normal Schools have \$7,500 each after the legislature had voted them \$10,000.

Is further comment on his action necessary?—*The Edinboro Independent.*

THE SUN'S FREE SCHOLARSHIP.

The Williamsport Sun's free scholarship contest closed on Monday of last week. The first prize, three terms, was won by A. P. Stultz, the second—two terms, W. E. Worthington and the third one term—John H. Ryder. The prizes include tuition, board and all necessary expenses. The following is Dr. Welsh's reply to the Sun after being notified of the result of the contest:

Bloomsburg, Pa., Aug. 20, 1897.
The Sun, Williamsport, Pa.

Sirs:—I have yours of recent date announcing the result of the scholarship prize contest in connection with your valuable paper. You may assure the young men who have been so fortunate that it will give me pleasure to look after their intellectual welfare here to the best of my ability.

Many improvements and changes have been made in the equipment of the buildings and grounds of the school for the ensuing year, and there will also be valuable apparatus added, so that these young men will enjoy the latest and best educational advantages, and after they get here they will appreciate more fully than doubtless they do now what a benefactor your paper has been to them.

I strongly recommend to them beginning school at once so as to get started with their fellow school mates early in the year, and thus make certain of not dragging behind in any branch.

Cordially yours,
J. P. WELSH,
Principal.

BORDA ASSASSINATED.

J. Idiarte Borda, President of Uruguay, was assassinated yesterday while attending a fete in celebration of the independence of Uruguay, which was achieved on August 25, 1825. The weapon used was a revolver, and the assassin was promptly arrested. The crime was committed as the President was leaving the cathedral where a Te Deum had been sung. The assassin is a youth named Arredondo.

The base ball game at Athletic Park Saturday afternoon between Light Street and a nine from the Carpet Mill came to an abrupt ending in the seventh inning. One of the ball tossers from the up-creek town accused Bowers, the Carpet Mill catcher of cheating, and the latter became very wrathful and struck his accuser a stinging blow in the face. A fierce fist fight followed and had it not been for interference on the part of policemen Betz, a riot would have resulted. The score when the scrap took place, which ended the game was 17 to 15 in favor of Light Street.

The advertised list is as follows: Elizabeth Deitzer, James Forber, Jesse Hollingshead, Adda Johnson, Mrs. Mary Miller, John J. Reilly, Jas. M. Rote, Henry Wolf. Postal-Henry Wolf. Will be sent to the dead letter office, August 31, 1897.

J. H. MERCER, P. M.

MET ALMOST INSTANT DEATH.

Conductor Sides, of Sunbury, Killed by His Train at Milton.

Michael Sides, of Sunbury, a Philadelphia and Erie Eastern division freight conductor, was run over and killed near the Cameron street crossing at Milton on Saturday.

Sides was in charge of east-bound freight No. 60. The train stopped to shift some cars on a siding, and the unfortunate conductor was assisting his trainmen when he met his death. No one saw the accident, but it is supposed that a sudden jolt of the train threw him under the wheels.

When found he was lying across the track with the wheels of a box car resting on his body about the hips. He was living when the crew found him, but breathed his last about ten minutes after they had removed him.

Sides was about 45 years of age, and was one of five brothers, all freight conductors. He was married and leaves a wife and six children, his family residing in Sunbury. He had been connected with the Philadelphia and Erie road for twenty-seven years, and was a faithful and trusted employee. His remains were taken to Sunbury Saturday morning.

IMPORTANT CHURCH DEDICATION.

The large new stone Methodist Episcopal church of Bloomsburg, Pa., will be dedicated Sunday September 19, 1897. This is one of the largest and most conveniently arranged churches in all this section of country.

The main audience room will seat about twelve hundred people and the Sunday School room eight hundred people. The dedicatory services will be full of interest and will doubtless be enjoyed by many outside of Bloomsburg. Bishop Charles H. Fowle D. D. LL.D. one of the most gifted of all the Methodist Bishops, will preach the Sunday morning sermon and on Monday evening will deliver his celebrated lecture on "ABRAHAM LINCOLN." Rev. D. H. Moore D. D. the popular editor of the Western Christian Advocate, Cincinnati, Ohio, who is one of the most eloquent ministers of the west, will preach on Sunday night. Quite a number of the former pastors will be present to lend interest to the occasion. The dedication of this church will be a memorable event in the history of the town and community and will doubtless be witnessed by a very large number of people.

JUMPED FROM A TRAIN.

On Monday afternoon two deputy sheriffs of Luzerne county were bringing a prisoner up on the N. & W. B. railroad. Just after the train left Kipp's Run station, below Riverside, the prisoner made an excuse that he wanted to go to the front of the car, and was allowed to go. The door was open, and he ran out and jumped off the front platform. He landed on his feet and started across the field to the woods near the river. The train was stopped and the officers gave chase, loading their revolvers as they ran. The prisoner was a man about seventy years old, but he ran like a boy. The writer was on the train, but was unable to learn who he was. Some said he was under arrest for some criminal act, and others said he was a lunatic whom they were taking to the Asylum at Danville. Whether crazy or sane, he gave two officers the slip in broad daylight in a very slick way. We have not learned whether he was recaptured.

NEYHARD RETURNS.

S. D. Neyhard, local agent of the Cosmopolitan Building & Loan Association of Syracuse, New York, who left town a few weeks ago, was arrested at the home of his brother-in-law at Catawissa, on Saturday night. He was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Jacoby, who demanded one thousand dollars bail, and as it was not forthcoming, Neyhard was sent to jail. It is alleged that he swindled Dr. W. H. House of this town out of something like \$1700 by means of a note to which were forged the names of William Amesbury and George Beagle as endorsers. He was arrested at the instance of Beagle.

"Judaism as I Know It."

On next Sunday evening in the Methodist Tabernacle Mr. Jacob Finger, a student in the Syracuse University, who is preparing for the ministry, will deliver an address on "Judaism as I know it." It will be interesting and instructive, giving valuable information on an important subject. The friends are asked to bring a silver offering to help Mr. Finger in his effort to secure an education.

Mr. R. V. West, who has been Superintendent of the Electric Light Company for several years, has resigned, and expects to remove to Philadelphia about the 5th of next month. He has been an efficient and obliging manager, and has made many friends here who will regret his departure. His aunt, Miss Ware, and his sister Miss Jessie, will accompany him. Miss Ware has been a faithful member of the Episcopal choir, and her place will be hard to fill.

James Sheenan, died at the Gold Cure Sanitarium Tuesday morning. The deceased arrived in town only last Thursday and was taking the cure at the above institution. He was forty years of age and leaves a wife and four children. The remains were taken to his home at Shenandoah for interment.

BASE BALL.

The team went to Shamokin on Monday but wet weather prevented play, and the trip was made for nothing.

On Tuesday the Milton sluggers came here to dispute honors with the locals. For four innings it looked very much Bloomsburg but alas it didn't last. With the score 3 to 0 against them, Milton, who, by their continued sticking at it no matter what the score is, have gained the reputation as strong finishers, went to bat in the fourth inning, and with a good exhibition of stick work, coupled with a little misjudgment on the part of the wanderers, who travel under the name of Bloomsburg, scored six runs, which was enough to win the game, as the locals saw their finish when five men crossed the rubber. Smith, a young man from Wilkesbarre, who had been sent in to pitch for the sole purpose of sending us up one notch farther pennantward, was hit so hard in that disastrous fourth, that he was kindly asked to retire. Hepting took his place, and it was very evident that had the change been made sooner, there would have been a different story to tell. Score:

R. H. E.
Milton 0 0 0 6 0 0 1 1 x—8 12 2
Bloomsburg 2 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 0—5 9 2
Batteries, Willig and Hutchison, Smith Hepting and Patchen. Umpires, Forred, Walker and Brandt.

DIAMOND CHIPS.
Just another.
Oh how we miss Seavers.
There must be more ginger in the playing. Come, wake up.
What are we coming to? Defeated with Willig in the box.
We find more trouble in defeating Milton on our own grounds than any team in the league.
Stultz has no superior in left field.

FISH COMMISSIONER'S DILEMMA.

In view of the failure of the Legislature to make the usual appropriation to the Board of Fish Commissioners, a circular has just been issued by the Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish Protective Association to the officers of all the fish protective associations in the state, calling a convention to meet in Harrisburg on September 15 to act on the suggestion of Governor Hastings to raise a fund of \$25,000 and to consider other matters for the encouragement of fish culture. The proposed plan is to have every association pledge \$500, to be paid in semi-annual installments of \$125, with the understanding that the money is to be refunded if the next Legislature can be induced to make the necessary appropriation. It is urged in behalf of this proposition that if the Commission is compelled to stop now for lack of funds it will require six or eight years to get into shape again, and that in the meantime there will be no fish of any species for distribution.

CHANGED HANDS.

On Tuesday morning Samuel Bidleman assumed the ownership of the Exchange Book Store, having purchased it from W. H. Slate. He has been in the store for a number of years, and understands the business thoroughly. He is always obliging and courteous to customers, and is therefore deservedly popular, and will no doubt command a large share of the public patronage.

A party of young men from town, Wilbur Fisher, Al. Kelley, Michael Tracy, Harry Shaffer, and two or three others, are having a jolly time camping along Huntingdon Creek, a short distance above Forks. They report that there is an abundance of fish in the creek at that place, and that scarcely any skill or effort is required to catch them.

The Democratic State Convention will be held in Reading next Tuesday. As the recent county convention did not elect delegates, and none have been appointed by the standing committee, how is this county to be represented?

Rev. S. C. Swallow of Harrisburg, editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist, will address a meeting to be held in the Opera House, Monday evening, September 6th. Mr. Swallow is the Prohibition candidate for State Treasurer.

The smallest child born in this state for some time was that born to a family in Hazleton a few days ago. The infant, it is said, weighed but twenty-four ounces and was perfect in every respect.

Elmira Megargel, an estimable lady of Orangeville, died at that place on Sunday. Deceased was aged about fifty-four years. Her death was caused by cancer of the stomach. The funeral took place yesterday.

The receipts of the post office at Shamokin have increased to such an extent that an extra appropriation of \$400 for clerk hire has been deemed necessary.

Rev. J. Martyn of Orangeville, preached in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning and evening.

GIDDING'S

August Reductions

Are now the rule throughout our store.

STRAW HATS.

50 cent kinds	=	39 cents.
75 " "	=	50 " "
\$1.00 " "	=	75 " "
\$1.25 and 1.50 kinds	=	\$1.00

BOYS' WASH SUITS.

\$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50 grades, 75 CTS.

Special prices on Golf Hose and Sweaters, to close.

Men's soft bosom Shirts, white collar and cuff bands, 39 cts.

Medium weight Men's Suits, suitable for cool weather, at Special Prices.

Gidding's

Perhaps He's With McGinty at the Bottom of the Sea.

Sufficient time has elapsed since the departure of the brave Arctic explorer, professor Andree, for the north pole in his famous balloon, to have some word of his safe arrival on the other side. Hence there is much concern felt as to his fate and many are beginning to fear the worst and make the assertion that he will never accomplish what he set out to do and return to a more hospitable clime. Many are hoping now against hope for his subsequent arrival and the danger of his undertaking is realized more fully than ever. It is safe to say that if he should be so fortunate as to make the journey in safety and bring back the story of the frozen regions of the north pole to civilization, there will be few heroes of modern times that will receive greater credit and honor. All the world loves a hero and his service to science may prove incalculable.

"Judaism as I know it" is the subject of a talk to be delivered by Mr. Jacob Finger, a student in the Syracuse University, at the Methodist tabernacle next Sunday evening.

No one in ordinary health need become bald or gray, if he will follow sensible treatment. We advise cleanliness of the scalp and the use of Hall's Hair Renewer.

Judge Savidge rejected 50 out of 100 applicants for citizenship at Sunbury on Monday, because of their ignorance of local, state and Federal forms of government.

Montana mentions a mine that was bought for 95c and sold for \$1,800,000. Klondike should understand by this that it is not the only pebble on the gravel train.

Arthur Driesbach was arraigned before Squire Jacoby on Monday afternoon, charged with assaulting two young girls. The parties consented and the case was settled.

Michael Angelello, who shot and killed Senor Canovas del Castillo, the Prime Minister of Spain, at the baths of Santa Agueda on Sunday, August 8, was put to death on Friday.